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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6404

BILL NUMBER: HB 1080

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 10, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: EMS Provider Death Benefit.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Macer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides a public safety officer special death benefit to an emergency medical services (EMS) provider who, after June 30, 2015, dies as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from the provider's performance of duties: (1) under a contract entered into by the provider's employer to provide emergency medical services for a political subdivision; or (2) as an employee of an advanced critical care emergency transport service maintained by a health care system affiliated with a state educational institution, if the provider's employer purchases coverage.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *INPRS:* The bill's requirements are within the agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Public Safety Officer Special Death Benefit Fund: Benefits from the Fund are in the amount of \$150,000 and are paid to survivors and beneficiaries of public safety officers who die in the line of duty. The number of affected EMS providers who may be impacted by the bill is unknown at this time.

The Fund is funded through local bond (court) fees, annual fees paid by certain employers in order to have their public safety officers covered under the Fund, and investment income.

Two public safety officers died in the line of duty in 2014 - on average, two public safety officers that are covered by the Fund die in the line of duty each year. In recent years, the Fund has maintained assets of roughly \$3 M to \$5 M.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Public Retirement System, state educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected: Political subdivisions.

Information Sources: INPRS October 31, 2014 Board Meeting Materials; *2013 INPRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (<http://www.in.gov/inprs/annualreports.htm>).

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